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FAULTY MEASUREMENT OF STATE DOMESTIC PRODUCT
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether measurement of State Domestic Product is both conceptually and methodologically wrong;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to assess correct SDP;

(c) whether remettances from abroad and outside the State are taken into consideration in the measurement of SDP;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether local conditions are considered in spreading sample survey data of other States while measuring SDP;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether old sample surveys have been updated; and

(h) if so, the number of such sample surveys used?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The estimates of SDP are compiled using the income originating approach. Hence, the remittances out of the income of economic activities, which are not carried out within the State in question, are not included in the SDP estimates.

(e) To the extent possible, the results of sample surveys pertaining to a State are used for measuring the estimates of SDP of that State. The norms of an adjoining State or the national norms are applied, only if the data in respect of a particular item are not available, or are not considered reliable.

(f) As explained in (e) above.

(g) Sample surveys are conducted regularly to estimate the GDP and SDP in respect of manufacturing and services sectors. The sample survey on registered manufacturing sector is conducted every year. Sample surveys on unregistered manufacturing and services sectors are conducted approximately once in every five years. In addition, the results of Quinquennial Employment & Unemployment Surveys, periodic All India Debt & Investment Survey, Livestock Census and Population Census, etc. are also used in the estimation of GDP & SDP.

(h) The number of sample surveys relied upon in the estimation of SDP would vary from State to State and year to year.